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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Abstract

Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

In the Specification

On the first line of the specification, after the Title, please add

--This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 as a United States National Phase Application of International Application No. PCT/ JP00/05200 filed 3 August, 2000, which claims priority from GB 9918559.7 filed 7 August 1999 in the United Kingdom.--

REMARKS

Applicants have attached an abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by US practice. Applicants have amended the specification for purposes of adding the priority

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